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Congressman Dent expresses outrage, concern for stability after latest assassination in Lebanon

U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15) today expressed his outrage at the murder of Lebanese Minister of Industry Pierre Gemayel, who was shot down by gunmen on Wednesday:

“The killing of Minister Gemayel is a senseless act and part of a disturbing trend in Lebanon. A stable Lebanon is important for Middle East peace. The consequences of instability were brought home to us last summer, when Hezbollah terrorists inside Lebanon started a war that was destructive to the Lebanese and Israeli people. Many Americans, including some of my constituents, were caught in the crossfire and forced to flee.

“I condemn efforts by those who are attempting to destabilize Lebanon for their own political purposes. The murder of Minister Gemayel, a Maronite Christian, is the third assassination of a prominent critic of Syrian involvement in Lebanese politics in the past two years. In 2005, former Prime Minister Rafiq al-Hariri and journalist Samir Kassir were both killed in separate bombing attacks.

“I believe the international community must closely investigate and monitor this situation and take swift and serious action against any outside government that may be involved in these crimes against the Lebanese people.”

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